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Tom Dubois et al.

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For: ACTIVE COUNTERFORCE HANDLE FOR  
USE IN BIDIRECTIONAL DEFLECTABLE  
TIP INSTRUMENTS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-5, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.